

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, PN

SUBJECT: TREATY NEGOTIATIONS: MEDIA COVERAGE OF MAY ROUND

1. LOCAL MEDIA COVERAGE OF WASHINGTON NEGOTIATING ROUND  
WAS SLIGHT THURSDAY MORNING MAY 12.

2. AFTERNOON "REPUBLICA" FOR MAY 11 PRINTED YESTERDAY'S  
STATEMENT BY EDWIN FABREGA WITHOUT COMMENT.

3. ONLY TELEVISION COVERAGE WAS AN ITEM ON 6:00 P.M. NEWS  
REPORTING A DENIAL BY PANAMANIAN NEGOTIATOR ROMULO ESCOBAR  
OF AN AFP REPORT THAT TREATY WOULD BE SIGNED BY OCTOBER.  
WHEN ASKED ABOUT RESULTS DERIVING FROM NEW U.S. ATTITUDE  
IN NEGOTIATIONS, ESCOBAR RESPONDED: "IT DEPENDS. NOTHING  
IS CLEAR YET, AND WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY WILL BE VERY  
IMPORT." (FBIS/PANAMA PA 120258Y.) NO MENTION WAS  
MADE OF THIS ITEM IN THURSDAY MORNING NEWSPAPERS.

4. COVERAGE BY MAY 12 MORNING PAPERS: "STAR AND HERALD"  
PRINTED FABREGA STATEMENT OF YESTERDAY. "ESTRELLA" CARRIED  
ONE-PARAGRAPH AP BOX SAYING TALKS CONTINUED. "CRITICA"  
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CARRIED BRIEF UPI ARTICLE TO SAME EFFECT. "MATUTINO"  
HAD NOTHING. NO COMMENTS. THERE WAS NOTHING FROM  
NATIONAL INFORMATION COMMISSION.  
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